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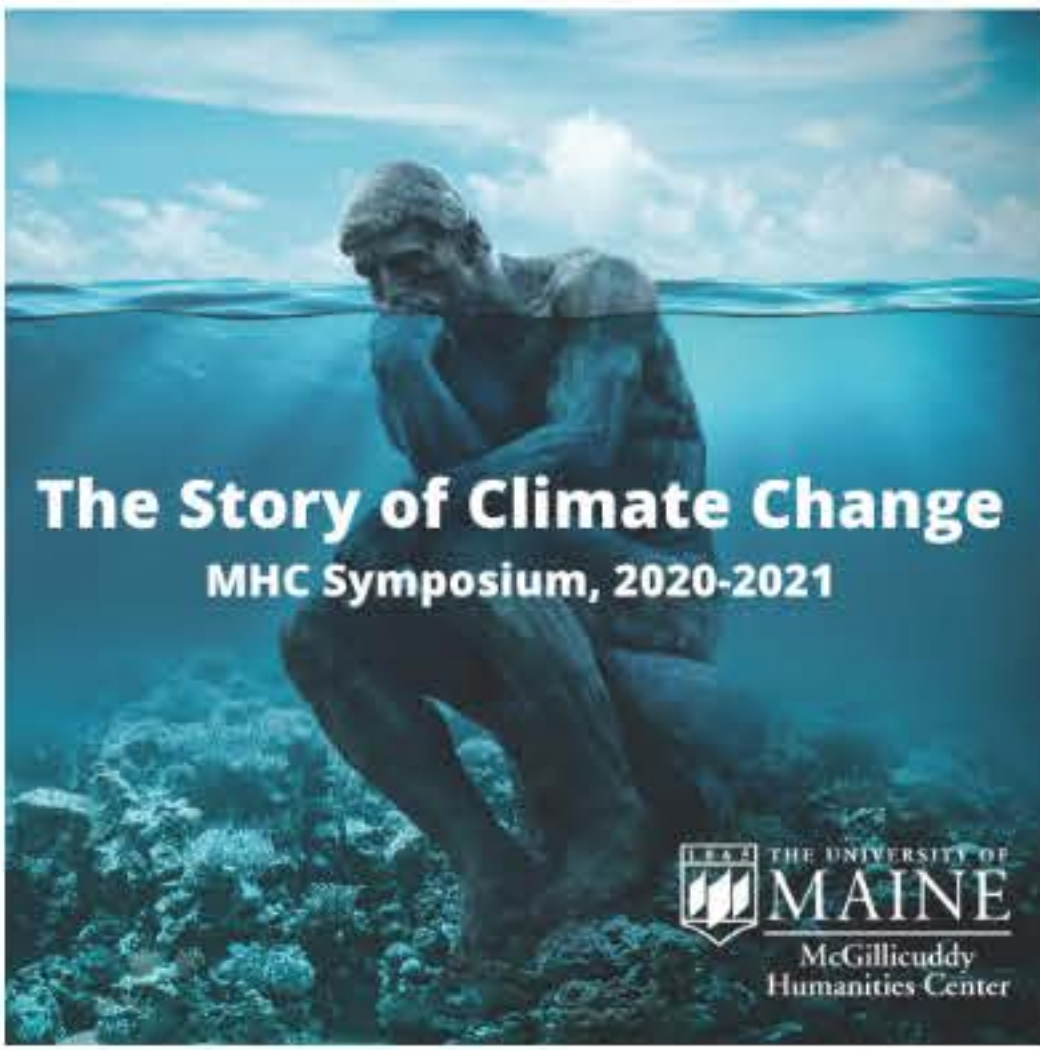
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## Welcome Back!

The McGillicuddy Humanities Center is excited to begin academic year 2020-2021 and we're introducing this monthly newsletter to inform our stakeholders, constituents, partners and supporters with updates and news.



## University of Maine Humanities Events [September, 2020]

Sponsored by the McGillicuddy Humanities Center

HUMANITIES FACULTY FALL WELCOME EVENT

FRI 9/18 3-4:30 PM MLK PLAZA

RESEARCH CHARADES  
HUMANITIES Pictionary  
DISTANCED SPEED MINGLING

\* SPACE IS LIMITED. RSVP REQUIRED  
EMAIL: [MHC@MAINE.EDU](mailto:MHC@MAINE.EDU) TO REGISTER

September 18, 2020: Faculty Fall Welcome Event  
3pm - 4:30pm  
Martin Luther King Plaza

The Center will be sponsoring this event to introduce new and returning faculty members in the Humanities to the Center and each other. This in-person, outdoors event will be by **RSVP-only** (in order to insure accordance with University face-to-face attendance limits). Please let us know if you will be joining us by e-mailing [Karen.Sieber@maine.edu](mailto:Karen.Sieber@maine.edu). We look forward to seeing you & hearing about your scholarship (and your summer)!

## VIRTUAL NEH GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP

**WORKSHOP:**  
**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2020**  
**8:30 AM-12:30 PM**

ONE-ON-ONE VIRTUAL APPOINTMENTS:  
AFTERNOONS, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 AND FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN at  
[www.umaine.edu/mhc](http://www.umaine.edu/mhc)

September 25, 2020: National Endowment for the Humanities Grant Writing Workshop

This virtual workshop about the process of planning, proposing, and writing NEH grants will be conducted by [Mark Silver, Senior Program Officer](#) in the Division of Research Programs at the National Endowment for the Humanities. The workshop is open to the public. For more information and registration, [please see our website](#).

## Careers in Public History

VIRTUAL WORKSHOP  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 @3PM  
Learn about internships and jobs in public history, resume tips, and job search strategies

Join at: [tinyurl.com/y3gyt4po](https://tinyurl.com/y3gyt4po)  
Password: kate  
Questions? Email: [liam.riordan@maine.edu](mailto:liam.riordan@maine.edu)

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Maine History Department,  
Maine Career Center,  
McGillicuddy Humanities Center



September 25, 2020: Careers in Public History Workshop  
3PM - 4PM

Kate Axelson Foster from the Career Center will lead a virtual workshop on "Careers in Public History" on September 25, 2020 at 3 p.m. Foster will provide students with tips for navigating the public history job market. Attendees will learn about how to search and apply for internships and careers in public history, including work with museums, archives, historic preservation offices, the National Park Service, historical societies and more. Sponsored by the UMaine History Department, UMaine Career Center, and McGillicuddy Humanities Center.

Join the meeting at: [tinyurl.com/y3gyt4po](https://tinyurl.com/y3gyt4po) using the password: kate.



September, 2020: Registration for [The Maine Archives & Museum 2020 Conference](#).

Professor of History Liam Riordan will be coordinating registrations for the Maine Museum and Archives Conference on [October 9-10, 2020](#). The Center will fund registration costs for the virtual conference for any Humanities faculty member or student. Please contact Liam Riordan at: [Liam.Riordan@maine.edu](mailto:Liam.Riordan@maine.edu) for registration and details.

## \*\*COMING IN OCTOBER\*\*

October 19, 2020: Faculty Grant & Undergraduate Fellows application deadline

Please consider applying and spreading the word about our faculty and student research funding opportunities! Find more information, including application instructions, at <https://umaine.edu/mhc/research/>

The MHC Symposium (Virtual) Film Series returns this year with a focus on "The Story of Climate Change". Films will begin at 6:30 PM each night, with a discussion following each film led by UM faculty or students. Registration required (more information and films will be announced soon).

Films include *Mad Max: Fury Road* (October 12) and *Wall-E* (October 26).  
FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

## University of Maine Humanities In the News

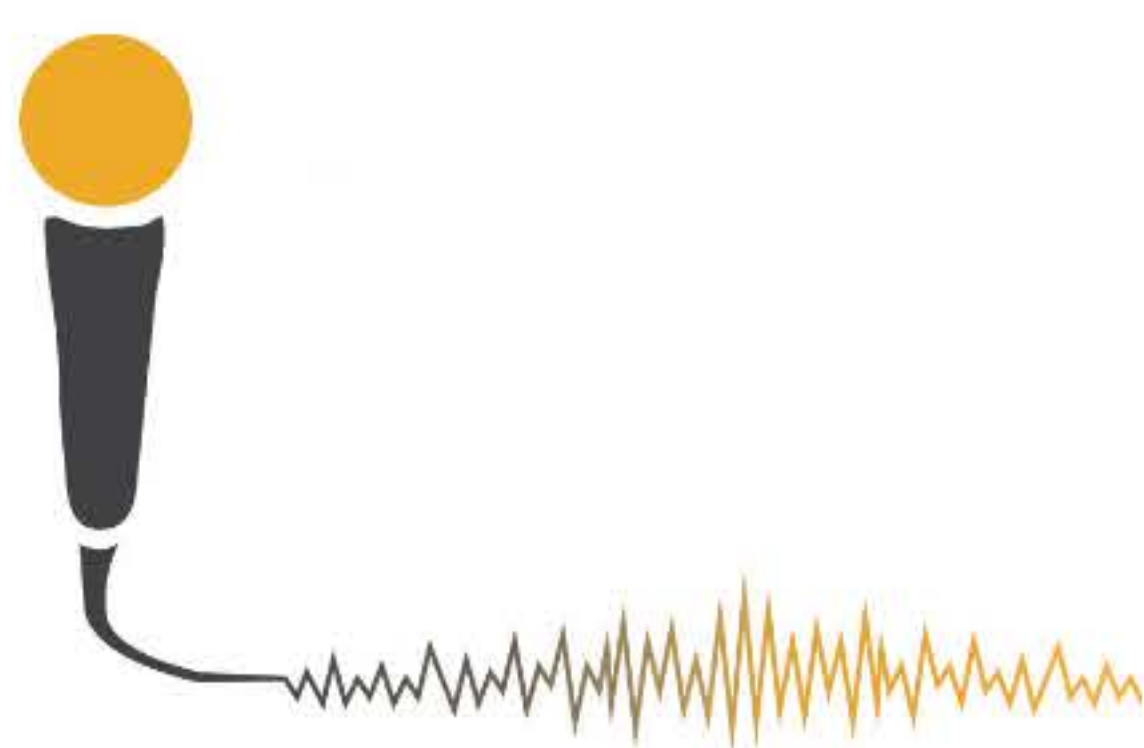
Professor of Philosophy & Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Interdisciplinary Programs Jessica P. Miller co-authored an Op Ed in *The Bangor Daily News* titled: "[Covid-19 Demands Ethical as Well as Scientific Decisions](#)" (August 25, 2020).

The MHC would like to note to public and civic engagement by University of Maine Humanities Scholars. Please contact us ( [mhc@maine.edu](mailto:mhc@maine.edu) ) with any public presentations, performances, op eds or essays.

## McGillicuddy Humanities Center Updates

### New Undergraduate Fellows, Fall, 2020:

We are proud to announce that UMaine students Nolan Altwater, Hailey Cedor, Nola Prevost and Katherine Reardon have been named our Fall 2020-Spring 2021 Fellows. This new cohort will join returning Fellows Ivy Flessen, Bria Lamonica, and Leela Stockley (pictured). [Read more](#) about these extraordinary undergraduates [at our website](#). The deadline for students to apply to become our 2021 Fellows is October 19. More information announced soon.



**New Oral History Project: "Maine Remembers The Coronavirus Pandemic: An Oral History Project in Service to the State and Future"**: Beginning this month, the Center will inaugurate a pilot oral history project with three interviews about the effect of the Coronavirus pandemic in Maine. Working in collaboration with Fogler Library and the Maine Folklife Center, the "Maine Remembers the Coronavirus Pandemic" project will have interviews conducted, transcribed, indexed, and made public via a portal hosted by Fogler Library. The launch of this pilot project was facilitated by a gift by Doug Baston through the University of Maine Foundation.

**Strategic Planning**: Over the summer we began a strategic planning process to help the Center define focus on its goals and priorities as it enters its second decade. The Center is collaborating with Starbort Leadership on the project, and we are grateful for all the assistance rendered by our supporters and friends already. If you have not completed a survey for the process yet (or been interviewed), we would appreciate you taking a few minutes to [give us your thoughts about the Center here](#).

## Humanities Pedagogy

From Lee Skallerup Bessette, "[Can You Teach a 'Transformative' Humanities Course Online?](#)" *Chronicle of Higher Education*, July 9, 2020.

Lee Skallerup Bessette is a learning design specialist at the Center for New Directions in Learning and Scholarship at Georgetown University. In this piece she offers links to four examples of humanities courses (including her own "[The Language and Culture of Quebec](#)") that employ interactive, engaging, and novel components to translate some of the most effective aspects of humanities teaching and learning into a remote teaching environment.

Do you have a humanities pedagogy tip you would be willing to share with others? A creative or imaginative assignment we could feature in this spot? Please let us know!

Visit Our Website for More Information

